





## UAE aide declares Muslim states to continue efforts to halt Gulf conflict

DACCA, Dec. 27 (AP) — United Arab Emirates State Minister for Foreign Affairs Rashid Abdullah Al Nuaimi has said the Muslim countries will continue to do their best to bring an end to the Iran-Iraq war.

Talking to reporters at Dacca airport on arrival for a three-day visit to Bangladesh Friday Al Nuaimi said "It is sad to see Muslim brothers fighting each other."

He said he will discuss with his Bangladesh counterpart, apart from bilateral relations, the proposed Islamic summit in Saudi Arabia next month and regional security.

Al Nuaimi will lead his country's delegation to the first joint Bangladesh-UAE commission on economic cooperation beginning in Dacca Saturday.

Meanwhile, Iran's religious leader Ayatollah Khomeini said Friday Iraqi President Saddam Hussein was "in a state of madness" and accused the superpowers of trying to "separate the Muslims," Tehran radio reported.

Khomeini was speaking from his headquarters in Tehran to a group of Arabic and Farsi-speaking Iranian nationals from the oil rich Khuzestan province and Kurds from northwestern Iran where Iraq recently penetrated a new front along the common border.

Commenting on the fourth month war with Iraq, Khomeini said: "It is an immature to think that he (Hussein) could destroy Iran in one week. He could not even get Khuzestan which is only a section of Iran." He added, "Now he is nervous and in a state of madness. He wants to achieve victory in whatever

### Libyan role played down

## **Goukouni denies Chad invasion**

N'DJAMENA, Dec. 27 (R) — President Goukouni Oueddei of Chad, trying to allay international fears provoked by Libyan involvement in his country, denied Friday that Chad had been invaded. He also made plain that he welcomed the omission of any mention of Libya in the communiqué of an African summit in Chad in Lagos last Tuesday and Wednesday.

Goukouni has said that his victory over rebel leader Hissene Habre in the nine-month Chad civil war was achieved thanks to Libyan aid. But he has played down the military role of the Libyans, referring to the Libyans now in Chad as "technicians."

Several African states, in particular neighboring Niger, have been deeply disturbed by Libya's role in Chad, but the Lagos summit failed to agree to condemn it outright. Seven out of 12 countries attending refused to sign the final communique, saying that it did not

means."

Iraq has claimed its invading forces have seized one third of Khuzestan which has an area of 24,000 square miles where daily battles have been raging in the provincial capital, Ahwaz, the highway town of Susangerd and the southern oil center of Abadan.

Iraq insists on calling Khuzestan, Arbil, due to its large Arabic speaking population. Iran has accused Iraq of instigating the Arabs in Khuzestan to rebellion against the Islamic regime in Iran.

"These insurgents under the cover of nationalism are trying to cause dissent among the Muslims. They are the enemies of the Koran," Khomeini said.

Khomeini also charged the superpowers were planning to "separate the Muslims into groups of Turks, Kurds, Arabs, Persians. They want to make them enemies of one another. This is contrary to the path of Islam," Khomeini said, adding all Muslims were "brothers and equal."

He also accused Iraq of supporting the superpowers and Hussein of being "their servant."

Khomeini, in an earlier speech, had accused "counter revolutionaries" of penetrating all levels of society. The warnings come at a time when Iran is torn by a power struggle between secular moderates backing president Abulhassan Banisadr and clergy-oriented supporters of Prime Minister Mohammad Ali Rajai and the Islamic Republican Party.

Iranian forces have also been cracking down on Kurdish insurgents, who have been accused of counter-revolutionary activity against Iranian forces in Kurdistan.



ADDRESSES STUDENTS : This photo released by the official Iranian news agency Pars, shows Iran's religious leader Ayatollah Khomeini addressing a meeting of university students and clergy last week, to mark the occasion of students-clergy unity day.

## **215 killed in Turkey since coup**

ANKARA, Dec. 27 (AP) — The National Security Council, which has controlled Turkey since the coup of Sept. 12, reported Friday that 215 people had been killed and 8,500 arrested in the last three months in the course of "terrorist actions or anti-terrorist operations."

A council spokesman said that since the coup "extremists" had killed 118 people. He added that 368 people were wounded in the 2,964 acts violating the state-of-siege decree" of the security council.

In addition, according to the spokesman, 27 policemen were slain and 70 "extremists" died in various clashes. In the three months

preceding the coup, 929 people were killed.

The spokesman also reported that the 8,500 people arrested following the coup were among 30,000 questioned by security officials.

Among the legal charges filed after the arrests were 1,550 for "illegal posting of signs or distribution of tracts," 245 for attacks with explosives, 337 for armed attacks or clashes with security officials, 19 for participation in demonstrations, 400 for holdups and 415 for fighting or threats.

The spokesman said that security forces had seized 7,470 firearms, 225,000 rounds of ammunition and 2,963 grenades or bombs.

### **BRIEFS**

TEL AVIV, (AP) — Israel's military chief of staff has blamed Syria for the fighting between Israeli-backed Christian forces and Palestinians in southern Lebanon and hinted that Israeli soldiers might clash with Syrian troops on Lebanese soil. "I never saw a red line between us and the Syrians on any map," Lt. Gen. Raphael Eytan told an army radio interviewer Friday.

CAIRO, (AFP) — Egyptian writer and philosopher Tawfiq El Hakim is to sue Radio Monte Carlo and the Egyptian artist Nagwa Fouad for libel in the sum of \$250,000, the newspaper *Al Gumhuriya* reported Saturday. The dancer had called El Hakim "greedy" in an interview with the radio's Arab language service, the newspaper said.

RAVAT, (AFP) — Moroccan Prime Minister Maati Bouabid returned here Friday from a four-day official visit to Tunis after signing a bilateral trade and customs agreement. During his visit the two North African states, which are geographically separated by Algeria, decided to set up a shipping line serving both themselves and other states.

### **End hunger strike**

## **Kawasmeh, Milhem to return to Jordan**

UNITED NATIONS, Dec. 27 (Agencies)

— Two Palestinian mayors, having ended a hunger strike, said Friday they planned to return to the Middle East early next week without much hope that Israel will soon allow them back to the West Bank of the Jordan River.

"We are sure (U.N. Secretary-General Kurt) Waldheim and the Security Council will not spare any efforts to work for our return," Mayor Muhammad Milhem of Halhoul told a reporter. "But our experience with the Israelis is that it is difficult for them to change."

Milhem and Mayor Fahd Kawasmeh of Hebron ended a five-day-sit-in at U.N. headquarters on Wednesday at Waldheim's request.

Earlier Wednesday, the National Council of Churches, comprised of 32 Protestant and Orthodox denominations in the United States, appealed to Israeli Prime Minister Menahem Begin to allow the mayors to return home. The U.N. Security Council on Dec. 19 unanimously passed a resolution urging the same course on Israel.

Milhem said he and Kawasmeh would first fly to Beirut and then go on to Amman for a reunion with their families.

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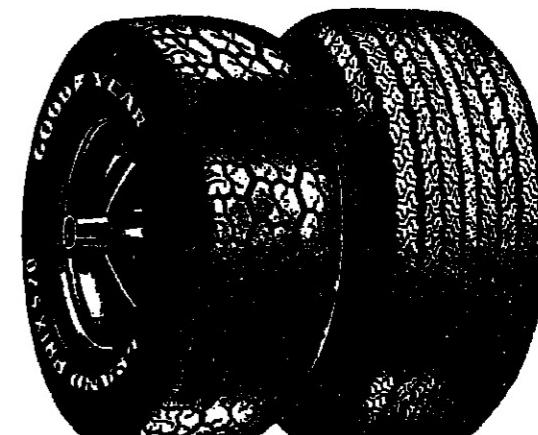
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## Italian party endorses call for prison shutdown

ROME, Dec. 27 (AP) — Italy's Socialist Party, in effect, has endorsed a Red Brigades demand for the shutdown of a maximum security prison for violent political further weakening the fragile unity within the two-month-old coalition government of Christian Democrat Premier Arnaldo Forlani.

The Red Brigades, Italy's most feared leftist political group, kidnapped a prominent magistrate two weeks ago in the gang's first political abduction since its members seized former Premier Aldo Moro in 1978, held him for seven weeks and killed him.

Although the kidnappers have not delivered terms for the release of Giovanni D'Urso, they have demanded that the special prison on Asinara Island off Sardinia be closed down. D'Urso's responsibilities included assigning convicted political犯 to maximum security prisons.

The Socialists, Italy's third largest party and a partner in Forlani's four-party coalition, issued a statement on Christmas Day calling for the closing of the Asinara prison for "humanitarian reasons." The party and its leader Bettino Craxi had favored negotiations with the Red Brigades after Moro was kidnapped, but its statement Thursday said the party was not proposing a dialogue with the Brigades but merely restating its position made known earlier this year — that the prison fails to meet "the minimum criterion (for a prison) from a humanitarian viewpoint."

It did not elaborate, but party sources said

they were objecting to the practices of solitary confinement at Asinara and the facility's elaborate surveillance system which includes monitoring of the prisoner's movement around the clock.

There was no official response from the Christian Democrats, but the coalition's two other partners — the Republicans and Social Democrats — accused the socialists of breaking out of the ranks to score publicity points.

In statements, they noted that the closing of the Asinara facility has been under consideration by the government for some time — not so much because of the inmates' protest but for the welfare of the guards serving at the stark gray fortress on a windswept island.

Scientific Research Minister Pier Luigi Romita, a Social Democrat, said he favors the eventual closing of the Asinara facility but not as concession to the Brigades. The Republicans voiced a similar concern, saying the timing of the Socialist statement was unfortunate.

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Bettino Craxi

### Giscard visits troubled Guadeloupe

POINTE-A-PITRE, Guadeloupe, Dec. 27 (AFP) — President Valery Giscard d'Estaing traveled to Guadeloupe from Martinique Saturday morning amid official fears of separatist violence following the Wednesday night bombing at a government radio station.

The bombing at the station, considered a symbol of French presence, was believed related to the French president's visit. Responsibility for it has not been claimed. The president was expected to meet with local officials and discuss incidents since March allegedly committed by the separatist Armed Liberation Group of Guadeloupe.

### Populace wants Bokassa returned

BANGUI, Dec. 27 (R) — Former Emperor Bokassa's sentence to death in his absence for multiple murders and cannibalism has failed to convince the 1.8 million people of the Central African Republic that justice is being done, observers said here.

They said there was resentment over repeated failures by President David Dacko's government to extradite Bokassa from the Ivory Coast. Bokassa ruled the Central African Republic ruthlessly for 14 years before being

### Tanzania seeks entry

DAR ES SALAAM, Tanzania, Dec. 27 (AFP) — Tanzania has appealed to Kenya to let Tanzanian officials cross their common border to determine the nationality of 22 alleged cattle rustlers who were shot dead by Kenyan police last Monday. The appeal followed the refusal by Kenyan border officials to allow Tanzanian police through the Barangona border post.

Fears of more violence are based on the fact that the presidential visit coincides with the Dec. 31 ultimatum by the group demanding that the French on the island "pack their bags." The ultimatum said that afterwards the French would be considered "enemy targets of the people of Guadeloupe and dealt with as such."

Guadeloupe, a group of islands in the Lesser Antilles, has been a French possession for most of the past 345 years and has a population of more than 300,000 persons. It is one of France's few remaining overseas dependencies.

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## Bomb traces found on jet in Colombia

BOGOTA, Dec. 27 — There was an explosion in one of the two restrooms on the jetliner that crashed in northern Colombia last Sunday, which may have been caused by a bomb, the manager of the airline said Friday.

Alfonso Satbez said in a broadcast interview that this was the conclusion of investigators for the airline, Aerovias Del Cesar. All 68 people aboard died in the crash.

Investigators have reconstructed enough of the plane and have found sufficient traces of explosive material to determine that there was an explosion in the restroom on the left side and at the rear of the plane, Sanchez said in the interview with the Bogota radio station Caracol.

The possibility of the explosion being caused by a cargo of fireworks rumored to have been on board is not being discounted, Sanchez said. The explosion aboard the French-made Caravelle jetliner knocked out the plane's hydraulic system, leaving the pilot unable to guide it or otherwise control it, Sanchez said. Three witnesses who saw the plane going down said they saw smoke coming from the left rear side of the aircraft and not from the engines, Sanchez said.

He said the company received three telephone calls from anonymous callers after the plane crashed, warning that the airliner would not reach its destination.

### Suspected Nazi seen in Uruguay

RIO DE JANEIRO, Dec. 27 (AFP) — Accused Nazi war criminal Dr. Josef Mengele has been sighted in Uruguay, where he has served as a technical adviser in a political prison, reliable sources arriving here from that country said Friday.

Mengele, who reportedly has traveled freely between Argentina, Chile, Paraguay and Uruguay, was seen Oct. 20 at Liberated Prison in Montevideo, according to the sources, who asked not to be identified. The sources said the alleged former concentration-camp doctor, who has been charged with conducting experiments on deportees during World War II, was seen in a meeting with Lt. Col. Fausto Gonzalez and Maj. Martin Mourino, the Libertad Prison administrators. Mengele was using the name Willy Karp, the sources said.

Another German who reportedly was a member of the jail's staff also participated in the meeting, the sources said. Identified only as Gordon, the second German was said to have served in the SS police during the war. Also present were the prison physician, identified as Dr. Gent, and a psychologist and a psychiatrist, according to the sources.

Mengele is perhaps the last of the top Nazi henchmen still at large.

### 2 arrested in art theft

Buenos Aires, Dec. 27 (AFP) — Two museum employees were arrested here Friday following a spectacular art theft at Thursday, the National Museum of Fine Arts, police sources said.

Police questioned all the staff at the museum after the \$24 million robbery was discovered the day after Christmas. Two people were jailed when their testimony was contradictory, the sources said.

The thieves, taking advantage of building repairs, entered through the roof and made off with 16 paintings — including three by the French impressionist Auguste Renoir — and seven other art treasures.



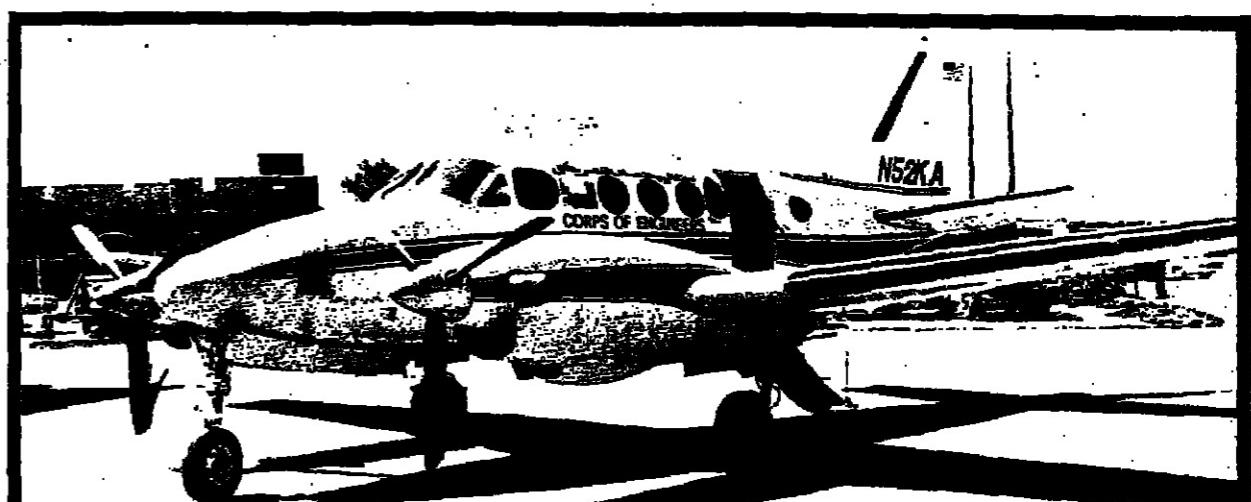
**GOLD IN RUBBLE:** Museum director Stafford Crossland examines bones he says may be 30,000 years old. Archaeologists found them in a trash dump near Ft. Morgan, Colorado. (AP photo)

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Jamil Dahlawi

*Liverpool held by United*

## Ipswich, Villa win

LONDON, Dec. 27 (R) — Liverpool retained their leadership of the English First Division soccer league by the most slender of margins when they were held to a goalless draw at Manchester United Friday.

With nearest rivals Aston Villa and Ipswich both winning at home, Liverpool are

### Results

English First Division

English First Division		
Aston Villa	1	Stoke City
Coventry	0	Middlesbrough
Crystal Palace	2	Arsenal
Everton	0	Manchester City
Ipswich	2	Norwich
Leeds	0	Birmingham
Leicester	0	Brighton
Manchester United	0	Liverpool
Sunderland	0	West Bromwich
Tottenham Hotspur	4	Southampton
Wolverhampton	1	Nottingham Forest
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Second Division

Second Division		
Blackburn	0	Preston
Bristol City	0	Cardiff
Derby	4	Oldham
Grimsby	0	Newcastle
Luton	2	Sheffield
Orient	1	Watford
Queens Park Rangers	3	West Ham
Sheffield Wed.	1	Shrewsbury
Swansea	2	Bristol Rovers
Wrexham	0	Bolton
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perched on an uncomfortable cushion at the top although they should return to their winning ways against visitors Leeds Saturday.

Villa, who beat Stoke 1-0, and Ipswich, who despatched Norwich 2-0, edged near the leaders, but both face hazardous away trips Saturday afternoon.

Ipswich visit fourth-place Arsenal while Villa meet European champions Nottingham Forest who emphasized their return to form with a crushing 4-1 win at Wolverhampton.

Liverpool and Villa both have 33 points from 24 games and although their goal difference is identical, the champions fill topplace because they have scored more goals.

Liverpool and Manchester United may have produced no goals but they treated the 57,053 crowd, the biggest league attendance in Britain this season, to an enthralling 90 minutes.

Villa striker Peter Withe made a triumphant return after a three-match suspension by scoring the only goal of the game against Stoke.

Ipswich are just one point behind and the two leaders will find little comfort in the knowledge that the third placed club has two games in hand.

Ipswich's Scottish international duo John



HIGH : Garth Crooks, Tottenham striker jumps above Forest defender Joe Needham in an earlier league match. Crooks scored twice for Tottenham on Friday.

Wark and Alan Brazil, who have scored so many vital goals this season, were the men who shot down Norwich.

Brazil struck in the 43rd minute after a superb passing exchange with Eric Gates and Wark added the second in the 49th minute with a thunderous left-foot shot.

Forest's win lifted them onto fifth place but it was due, in part, to three festive gifts from Wolverhampton defenders.

Colin Brazier, who also conned a needless penalty from which Frank Gray scored, Swiss international Raimondo Ponte scored Forest's fourth with a breathtaking effort.

Tottenham and Southampton do not figure in the league championship battle but they produced the match of the day when they shared eight goals in London.

Striker Gary Brooke, who scored three goals in the reserve match between the clubs earlier this week, when Tottenham won 5-4, was again on target.

## Ritchie marks test future

BRISBANE, Dec. 27 (AP) — Twenty-year-old Queensland batsman Greg Ritchie stamped himself as a test player of the future with a polished 75 against the touring Indian cricketers at the Brisbane Cricket Ground on Saturday.

Ritchie was the heart and soul of the Queensland innings as he broke clear of an Indian attack that had the home team 29 for two chasing 308.

At close of play on the second day of this four-day match, Queensland had reached 259 for nine in a stop — go innings.

Queensland resumed at 10 for none and after six overs Martin Kent, 9 and David Rathee, 9 had already fallen as test left armer Karsan Ghavri made use of the heavy atmosphere and the great pitch to move the ball alarmingly.

Ghavri's brisk pace and Queensland on the defensive until Ritchie gave the innings impetus with an entertaining display that sparked with 11 fours and a six.

Ritchie looked set for a century when his stay was suddenly terminated by Rojraj who induced an attempted drive which flew to Sunny Gavaskar at second slip.

India failed to press home the early advantage with Gundappa Viswanath dropping Morgan at 10 and later Wayne Broad at 29.

Morgan carried on to reach 48 before the Queensland innings was sent plunging as four wicket fell in quick succession.

Yograj's lion-hearted 26 overs him a well deserved four for 72, but with Ghavri rested from lunch to tea, the Indian attack had no sting.

Yograj broke through at 156 and 166 and Ghavri returned to bowl the reliable Ray Phillips for four and Queensland hopes of a worthwhile lead had slipped.

But Wayne Broad, recalled for this match steadied the tottering innings with a timely 61 and with Geoff Dymock, 31 not out, added 71 in 70 minutes to hold the Indian attack at bay.

But the innings quickly caved in after Broad disappeared with Jeff Thomson and Carl Rackemann adding nothing to the Queensland total.

Queensland had lost three wickets for one and it was left to Dymock and last man Dennis Lillie to hang on until the close.

Ghavri ended with three for 35 and he showed enough form in his 14 overs to give Australia's batsmen fair warning of his potential in the coming test series.

Queensland went into the match without test players Greg Chappell and Alan Border while talents opening batsman Kepler Wessels was sidelined with a bruised hand.

## One day extension declined by Windies

## Raja inntings allows Pakistan to tie

By Shahid Orakzai

Arab News Correspondent

KARACHI, Pakistan, Dec. 27: Marred by rains and marked by fluctuating fortunes the third test between Pakistan and West Indies in a draw here Saturday.

An unbeaten 77 by stroke maker Wasim Raja coasted Pakistan to safety after Windies battery of pacers ran through the middle order. Scores Pakistan 128 and 204 for 9, Windies 169.

Homeside was seen under pressure throughout the last day as their star batsmen Majid, Miandad and Zaheer returned to a pavilion before lunch. All rounder Imran Khan provided some support to Raja who claimed man of the match award for doing it all by himself.

With 41 run first innings lead and 20 mandatory overs for the last hour — enough to chase a low target — the Windies looked optimistic but gave up in the last hour.

Resuming overnight 70 for one, Pakistan lost four wickets in a short spell of nine runs, after second wicket fell at 76.

Raja was 7 short of his two thousands in test cricket when the two skippers decided to call it a day.

The Windies pacers had some what equal distribution of wickets in this low scoring venture but Colin Croft topped with 3 wickets. Sylvester Clark, Joel Garner and Malcolm Marshall shared two each but Clarke gave the minimum runs, 14.

The homeside had offered the Windies to extend the 3rd test by another day after rain delayed it by more than a day and half but tourist did not agree to what could open door to victory.

Pakistan are now left with only one test to equalise the 4-test series.

## Austin causes major upset

MELBOURNE, Dec. 27 (AFP) —

American John Austin, who continually has to be content to live in the shadows of his young sister Tracy, caused a major upset in the first round of the \$350,000 Marlboro Australian Open by dowing ninth seeded Frenchman Yannick Noah at Kooyong Friday.

Noah was humbled 6-3, 6-2, 6-1 on an outside court and immediately caught the first available plane back home it Paris.

For Noah the march was yet another setback to his aspirations of grooming his game to grass.

Noah came to Australia with the prime intention of learning the difference between clay and grass court tennis in order to bolster his chances at Wimbledon.

He has managed to win only one match — last week in Sydney when he defeated Australian Peter Feigl.

A very disheartened Noah said after Friday's debacle that in order to have any chance of doing well at Wimbledon he must improve his return of serve and speed into the net.

However, while Noah was arranging his trip home, fellow Frenchman Pascal Porte gave French tennis fans something to be proud of when he recorded a surprising four sets win over tall American Peter Fleming.

Playing on the same court that saw Noah's defeat, Porte dowed Fleming 3-6, 6-3, 6-3.

## Soccer crowds bigger

LONDON, Dec. 27 (AP) — Boxing Day crowds at Friday's 45 English matches were up from last year despite the lack of public transport.

Just over 27,000 more fans went through the turnstiles, although there were four more matches last year. Friday's total was 647,817 compared with 620,747 in 1979.

But Howarth and Parker restored to the innings and were in complete command when stumps were drawn.

It was a fine recovery by New Zealand after everything had gone Australia's way in the first two sessions.

Doug Walters scored 107 — his 15th test century from 71 tests, and also figured in a record 10th wicket partnership with Higgs in

tests between Australia and New Zealand.

Higgs and Walters put on 60 runs in a partnership lasting an incredible 96 minutes.

In his longest stay at the crease, he scored only six runs, including one boundary, but was unconquered when Walters was finally bowled by Jeremy Coney for 107.

In one over from Lance Cairns, Australia lost the wickets of Dennis Lillee for 27, Rodney Hogg nought and Len Pascoe for nought.

The score was then 261 for nine.

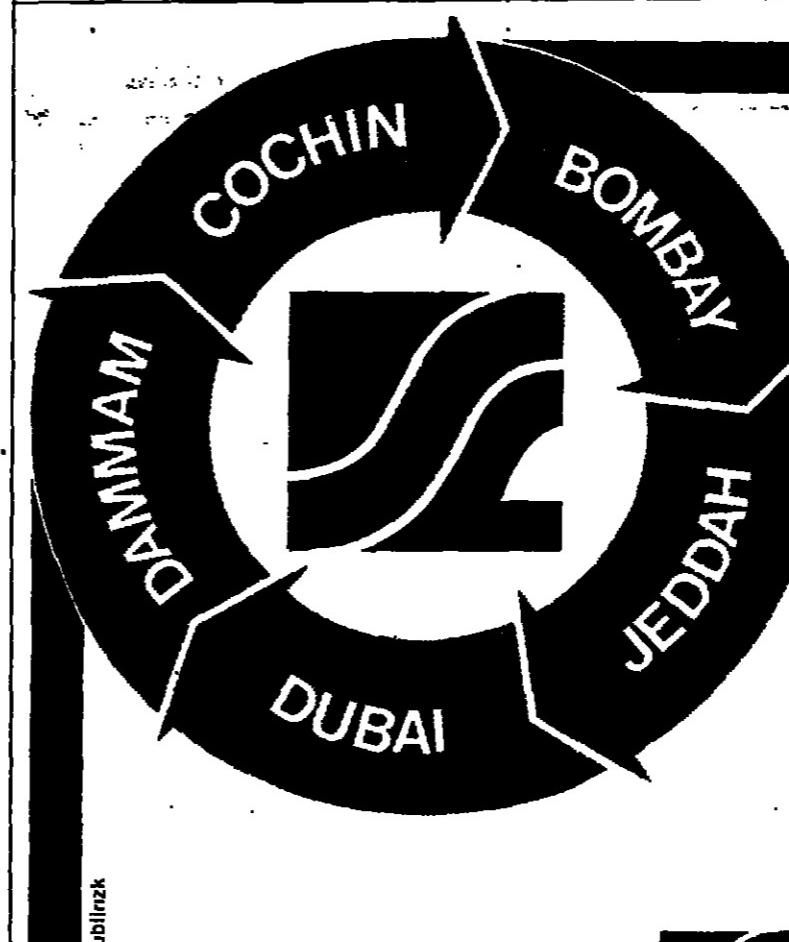
The New Zealanders thought the game was all over with Australia's score at 279 for nine.

Cairns, a medium-pacer, sent down a bouncer to Higgs which the tailender ducked, but the ball found the edge of his bat and flew into the hands of wicket-keeper Warren Lee.

Umpire Robin Ballache then called Cairns' delivery a no ball in line with the intimidatory bowling rule.

This decision astounded and angered the New Zealanders, who were already walking from the field.

Skipper Howarth spent several minutes in a heated exchange with Ballache before play resumed. Then, with grim determination, Higgs blocked almost every ball as Walters tried desperately to keep the strike as much as possible.



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Splash of color in Manila streets

## Army jeeps transformed by Filipino spirit

By Reema Siddiqi

**MANILA** — A flamboyantly colorful innovation that emerged out of the debris of war is the Filipino "Jeepney" which is today one of the most popular modes of transport in the bustling streets of Manila.

Post-war Philippines was faced with an acute shortage of transportation while the US Defense Forces were left with surplus army

phy of their new owners, the drab greenish brown GI jeeps were overhauled and given square shape. Jeepneys, as they came to be called, were given an elongated body, passenger benches were fitted, hand bars installed both inside and outside and back entrances and mudguards were added to convert them into public transport — all part of Filipino practicality and business acumen.

In line with the color and gaiety of their

custom-building jeepneys to meet individual demands as well as producing their own brand models. Some of them have even set up display areas and claim that the jeepneys do not remain long in these show rooms as demand exceeds supply.

The jeepney engines, steering wheels and differentials are imported from Japan while the body, accessories and surface decorations are locally produced. Mechanics, folk artists and interior decorators are constantly busy improving the performance and looks of the jeepney.

The jeepney artists seem to be a breed of their own. Averse to insipid colors and empty spaces, no part of the jeepney interior or exterior escapes their attention. Body, fender, wheels, mudguards, dashboards, even headlights are ornamented. Varied media including chrome and metallic paint, tooled chrome, silver plating, hubcaps, stickers — you name it, it all goes to beautify the jeepney.

Decorative motifs are also diverse and to a great extent reflect the taste of the driver, who is in many cases the owner of the vehicle. Catering to so many aesthetic tastes, no one jeepney looks like the other. The Filipino jeepney artist is color crazy and leaves nothing untouched by bright, lively psychedelic color schemes.

Dashing names like Rushrider, Special Roadmaster, and Jeepney King are prominently inscribed as a morale booster and refer to the jeepney driver. Mudguards bear the words Super or Super Deluxe; the name of the manufacturer also appears in ornate lettering. Abstract decor is more common, but often landscape blended with pop art to decorate the vehicle. Most jeepneys are studded with metal horses standing in a U-shaped corral. This is a display of the jeepney's horsepower as well as a good luck charm. Scenes of cockfighting in both metallic and paint are also popular.

Comic strip humor, pinup stickers and flip-pant sayings accompany religious pictures and proverbs on a jeepney deck. Decorative curtains, banners, plastic streamers and wind chimes also reflect the multimedia resourcefulness of the decorators.

The jeepney driver's dashboard reflects his religious, aesthetic and wordly expectations. It is amazing that the drivers can see through the mass of frills, miniature religious shrines, photos, mirrors and novelties on their dashboards.

Once a source of earsplitting stereo music, it came as a hard shock to the jeepney driver when a ban was imposed on loud music on the road a few months ago. Nonetheless several antennas still wave uselessly from the jeepney tops.

A symbol of resourcefulness, a piece of native art, a way of life, the jeepney has been affectionately used by famous Filipino artists

and poets for their works. For some years now, it has been featured in promotional projects. Jeepneys in travel books and color advertisements have attracted curiosity-filled admiration. A colorful spot, very popular with foreign visitors, is a jeepney tea shop at the Manila Intercontinental Hotel, which fea-

tures an authentic jeepney minus the wheels.

Built to cope with diverse terrain and weather, jeepneys have tremendous staying power and travel merrily over flooded roads and rutted streets where cars and buses often fail. It is for this rugged stamina that many Filipinos keep them as a second vehicle for private use. Private jeepneys stand out by their appearance and "Private" painted on the rear door. As well as its tremendous capacity for people, livestock and luggage during its road running days, the jeepney, after it has been finally fixed and refixed and has done its last run, still does not lose its

usefulness. Without wheels, it is utilised as animal pen, laundry hanger or playhouse.

Time and time again it has been planned by the authorities in the Philippines to ban jeepneys from the streets of Manila. Valid arguments that they consume too much gas, take too much driving space creating traffic jams and are generally a menace on the road have been of no avail. A thing truly and completely Filipino, a piece of folklore, a way of life, it is not easy to phase out the jeepney.

Here is one wartime special that has moved on to perform peace time duties and has no intention of retiring from active service!



DECORATION: It's a wonder the driver can see through his windscreen

Jeeps. So, killing two birds with one stone, the Jeeps were sold to the locals at a token price as a temporary solution to the communists' problem.

Built for rugged use, the Jeeps were perfectly suited to the local climatic conditions. Thirty years later, these Jeeps are still on the road, though unrecognisable in their Filipino form.

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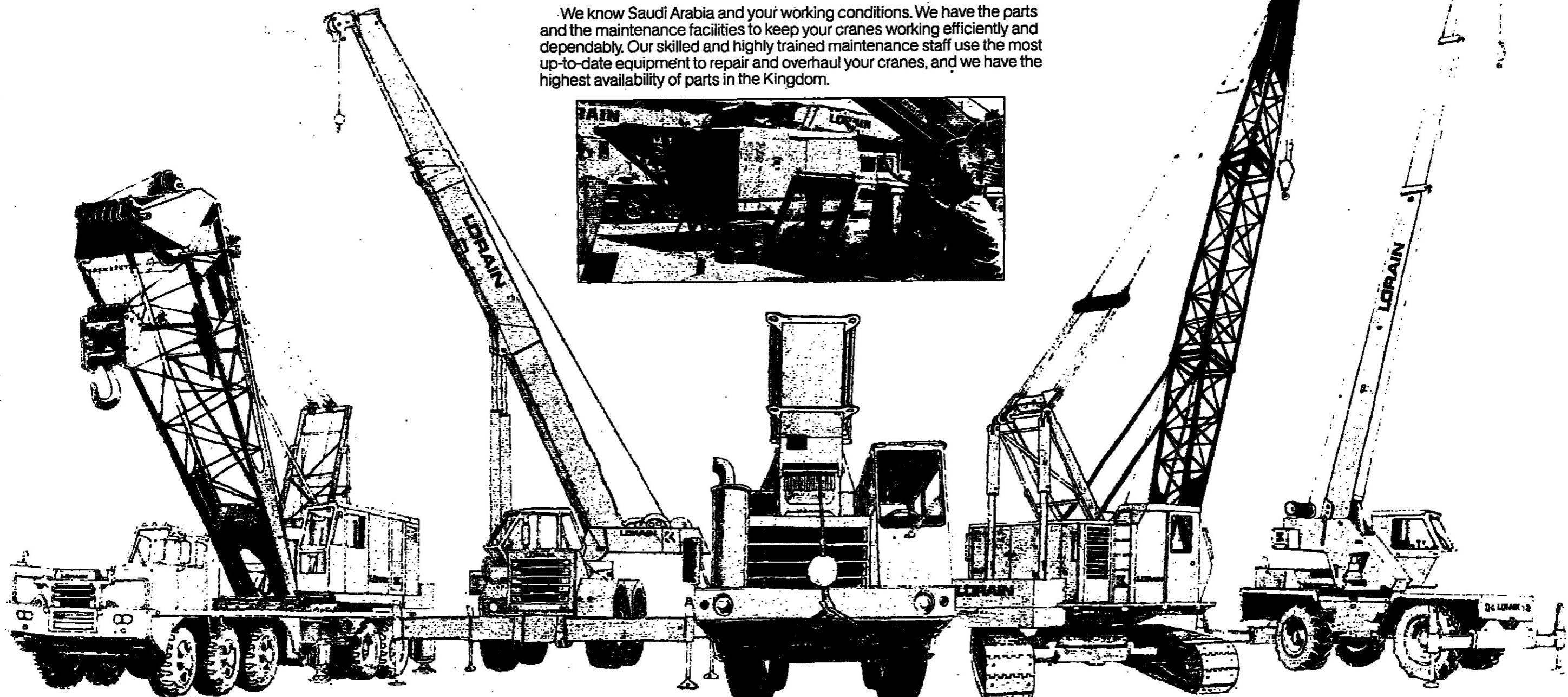
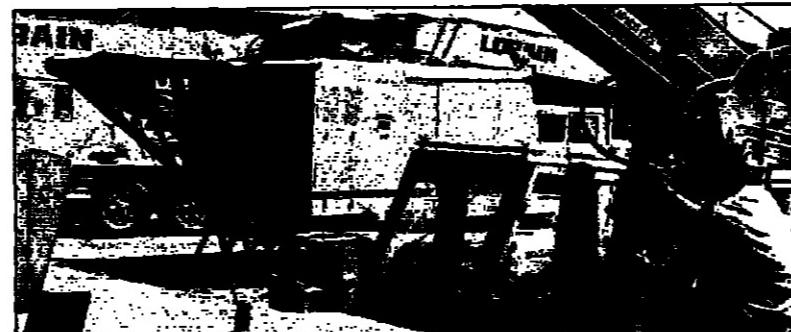
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*Shahati says*

## Libya ready to destroy oil wells for protection

MADRID, Dec. 27 (R) — A senior Libyan official said here Friday that Libya would be willing to destroy its oil wells to defend itself. Ahmed Shahati, chief of Libya's embassies, or people's bureau, said oil was a source of wealth belonging to all humanity but should first be used in the national interest. "However, to defend ourselves and our honor we would be willing to destroy all our wells and return to an economy based on agriculture," Shahati told a press conference.

Speaking after a meeting with Spanish minister Jose Pedro Perez-Llorca, Shahati, who is on a European tour, said there were countries that used Arab oil while supporting Israel. Libya had decided to combat this situation. Spain was a friendly country that needed more oil and Libya would export more oil here in the coming year, though the percentage rise over 1980 had yet to be decided.

Asked about the reported presence of Libyan troops in Chad, Shahati said Libya

had sent economic and medical aid to the former French colony. President Goukouni Oueddei's government was the legal government of Chad and was in full control. The president took over earlier this month after defeating his rival, former defense Minister Hissene Habre.

Shahati, also said his country will supply Spain with more crude oil in 1981 because "Spain is a friend country."

He gave no figures but said officials of the two countries will meet next January to determine the increase of Libyan crude oil sales to Spain.

According to latest Spanish sources Spain imported more than three million tons of crude oil from Libya in the first nine months of 1980. Shahati said there is an invitation from King Juan Carlos for the leader of the Libyan Revolution, Muammar Qaddafi, to visit Spain but the date will be determined through the Libyan office.

## Efforts to extinguish fire of well continue in Poland

WARSAW, Dec. 27 (R) — Polish army gunners succeeded in blasting away most of the wrecked equipment above a blazing oil well as efforts to extinguish the fire continued over the Christmas holiday, PAP reported Saturday. The Polish news agency said about 400 people were taking part in the operation to control the fire in Karkino, northern Poland, which began 18 days ago when an exploratory drill pierced the upper layer of the deposit.

The first attempt by artillery units to shell the rig and other equipment above the well failed because of dense smoke. But PAP said the army was using ultra red wave devices to locate the metal and some 85 per cent of the wreckage was now cleared. Experts wanted to remove the crumpled red hot metal above the burning geyser before the next stage of the operation.

## France plans to improve, expand airbus production

PARIS, Dec. 27 (R) — Western Europe's planemaking consortium Airbus Industrie plans to step up production and expand its assembly facilities as it foresees healthy order books to the end of the century. In less than 10 years, Airbus Industrie has grown to become the main rival to America's Boeing corporation in the world market for short and

medium-haul wide-bodied airliners, and has been selling in areas that were formerly American preserves.

The consortium recently achieved a breakthrough when it won a \$900 million contract for the sale of 11 advanced airbuses to Saudi Arabia, which had formerly bought only American airliners.

### Saudi Arabian Government Tenders

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Department of Education, Al-Ajyad	Cleaning of schools	16/10	50	Jan. 11
" "	Construction of an ordinary school ('B' model) in Al-Badie' town	17/10	200	Jan. 11
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Air Force Command, Riyadh	Fencing of villas at Prince Fahd Air Base in Taif	—	1000	Jan. 12
" "	Fencing of villas at King Abdul Aziz Air Base in Dhahran	—	1000	Jan. 10
" "	Fencing of villas at King Khaled Air Base in Khamsin Moshait	—	1000	Jan. 11

## Dozen firms seek to explore oil, gas in Denmark N. Sea

COPENHAGEN, Dec. 27 (R) — A dozen companies have shown interest in obtaining licences to search for oil and gas in Denmark's sector of the North Sea in what the government hopes will be an accelerated exploration drive starting next year, according to energy ministry sources. Licences will be issued under new legislation to go before parliament in January, following a decision earlier this month to nationalize the Danish sector, hitherto leased out to one private company.

The company, the Danish shipping and oil firm of A.P. Moeller, worked the concession in cooperation with the royal Dutch — Shell group, Texaco incorporated and the Standard Oil Company of California.

Nationalization followed the breakdown of 10 months of talks in which the government sought greater control of Danish North Sea oil and gas, after criticizing what it alleged was the slow pace of exploration.

The concession, dating from 1932, was obtained by A.P. Moeller in 1962, to last 50 years. So far about 20 per cent of the sector has been worked and the consortium led by A.P. Moeller has made several small finds expected to produce about 40,000 barrels Per Day (BDP) from next year.

In the failed negotiations, A.P. Moeller faced a government demand that it should

return all unexpected offshore areas to the state by 1990, starting with 45 per cent of the area in 1983. The government also sought the right to purchase 40 per cent of all oil found.

Under the new takeover legislation, A.P. Moeller will be left to continue to exploit areas which it has developed, or is developing, with the rest passing to the state. New companies will be offered licences in the nationalized zone next spring.

A.P. Moeller has responded to nationalization by saying it may sue the government for compensation, a claim which legal experts said could amount to as much as (\$27 billion).

The company said the government action was unconstitutional. Social Democratic Prime Minister Anker Jorgensen said it was in the national interest, adding that new licences would be issued regardless of the possibility of long court proceedings. He has a solid majority in parliament to back the takeover legislation.

Danish oil output of about 40,000 BPD in the early 1980s will be a modest yield compared to the two million BPD produced by Norway and Britain. But when Danish offshore gas comes on stream in 1984, the North Sea will be providing 30 per cent of Denmark's total gas needs, rising to almost half by the end of the decade.

### BRIEFS

LIMA, Peru. (AP) — The Latin American Arab Bank will double its current capitalization of \$100 million in 1981, the bank reported Friday. The bank, which has its headquarters in Lima, is financed by Arabic banks and offers regional development loans. The bank was created in 1978 as an outlet for petrodollars from the Middle East.

TOKYO, (R) — Kubota Limited of Japan has signed a \$8.5 million contract with Egypt to build irrigation systems in Sharqia, northeast of Cairo, the Japanese agricultural machinery maker said Friday. The project, expected to be completed by the end of 1981, would create pasture and orange orchards in a 1,900-hectare dry area of the state, it added. Japan had agreed to lend Egypt an undisclosed amount to finance the project, it said.

LONDON, (AFP) — The future of British Leyland is threatened by a week-long strike preventing production of the new mini metro car, the only model on which it has founded its current marketing hopes. The strike — backed Friday by the powerful Transport and General Workers' Union (TGWU) — may lead to the dismissal of 50,000 workers the management said.

KARACHI, (AP) — Pakistan has given British Petroleum Development Ltd. of Britain and oil and gas development corp., Karachi, a four-year license to explore and prospect oil resources in southern Pakistan, official sources said Friday.

BUDAPEST, (AFP) — India is to buy \$100 million worth of lignite-fired boilers from Hungary for use in electric power plants, industrial sources said here.

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The agency did not give the average agricultural income for 1980. China's population, estimated at a thousand million, includes some 800 million peasants. Last year, peasants' average annual income derived from the collective economy rose to \$55. To this must be added income derived from private production and estimated at one third of total income, according to figures released in June.

The figures highlighted a considerable gap between rural and city living standards. City dwellers last year had an average annual income of \$462.

## China's grain production sharply down this year

PEKING, Dec. 27 (AFP) — China's grain production is sharply down this year compared with last year, the New China News Agency reported Saturday, quoting figures from the ministry of agriculture. The agency said that this year's output was between 309.75 and 314.75 million tons — or ten to 15 million tons less than in 1979.

But this figures does not tally with the official figure given in April this year which said that grain output for 1979 had topped 332 million tons. The agency blamed the lower output on terrible weather in China this year, adding that cereal prices had remained stable "thanks to good harvests in 1978 and 1979 and timely government support in funds and material".

The agency noted that the average peasant's income was still up on last year as a

## U.S. oil firm held responsible for losses incurred on Algeria

ALGIERS, Algeria, Dec. 27 (AP) — The Texas-based El Paso Co. has been held morally responsible for causing the Algerian state oil and gas corporation Sonatrach to lose earnings estimated at \$290 million, a special Algerian parliamentary commission has determined.

The commission, which released its finding this week, said the earnings were lost in the 10 years following the signing of a contract. The commission was created last December to investigate why the Algerian oil ministry sold Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) to El Paso at unprofitable rates for nearly 10 years.

The panel found that Sonatrach had been obliged to sell the LNG at a price of 30.5 cents per million British thermal units (BTU) because of "special conditions." In 1969 El Paso signed a contract under which it would

**Romania firm to build cement plants in Iraq**

BEIRUT, Dec. 27 (R) — A Romanian company will build two cement plants in Iraq costing \$35 million, the official Iraqi news agency reported Friday. The plants in Anbar province, west Iraq, and the northwest province of Nineveh will each produce one million tons of cement annually, the agency said. The name of the Romanian firm was not given and the agency did not say when the factories will be built.

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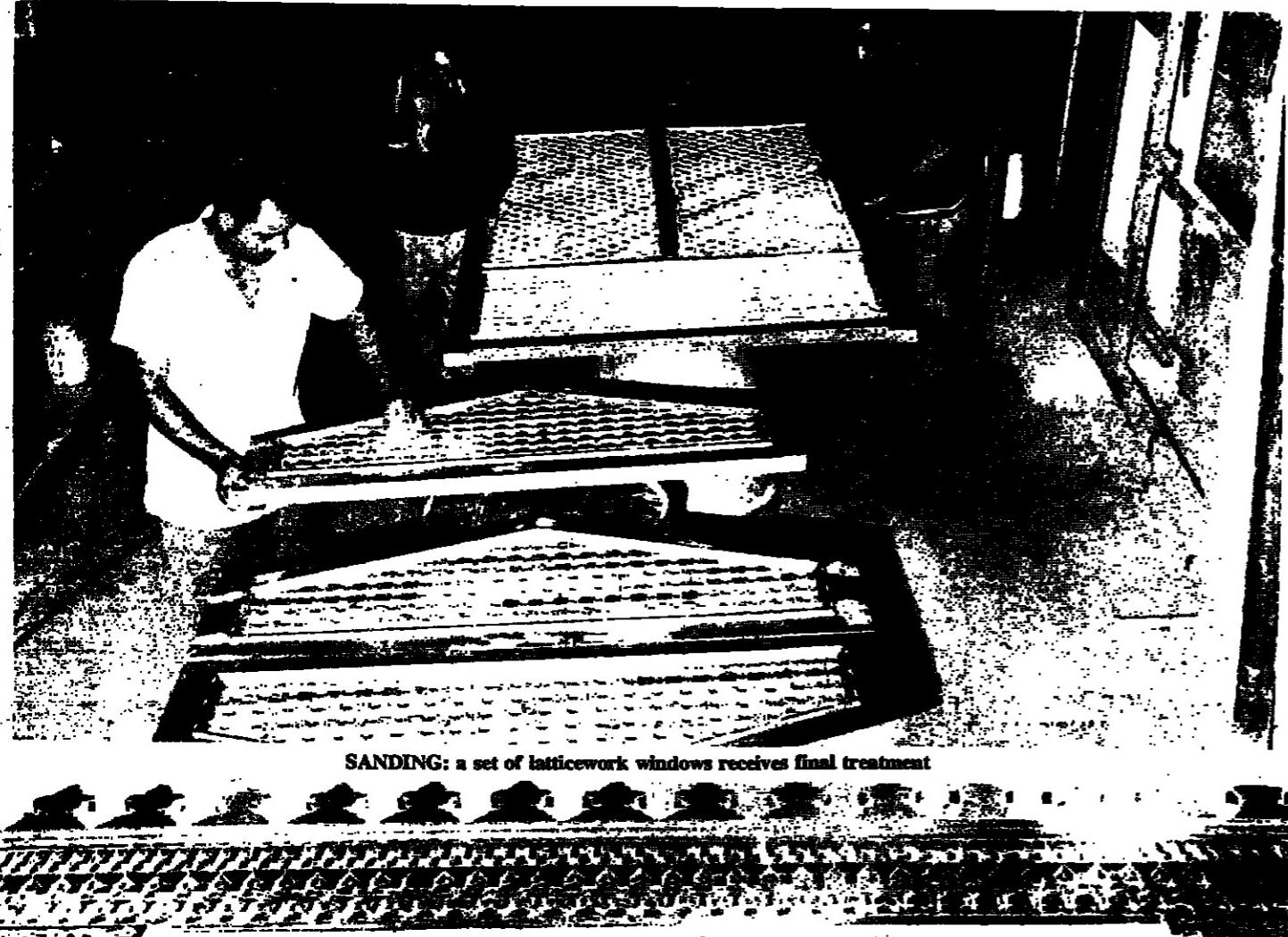
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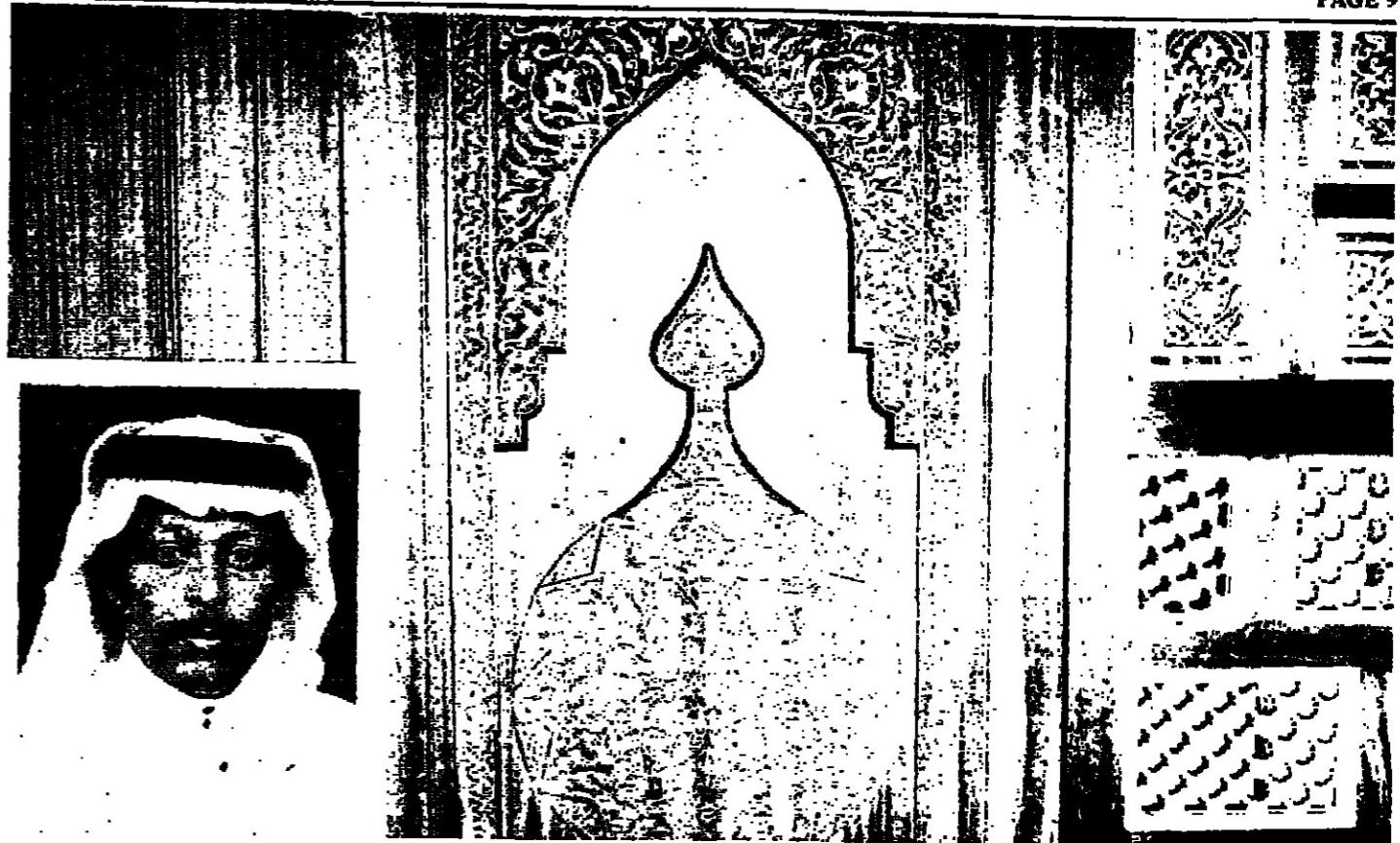
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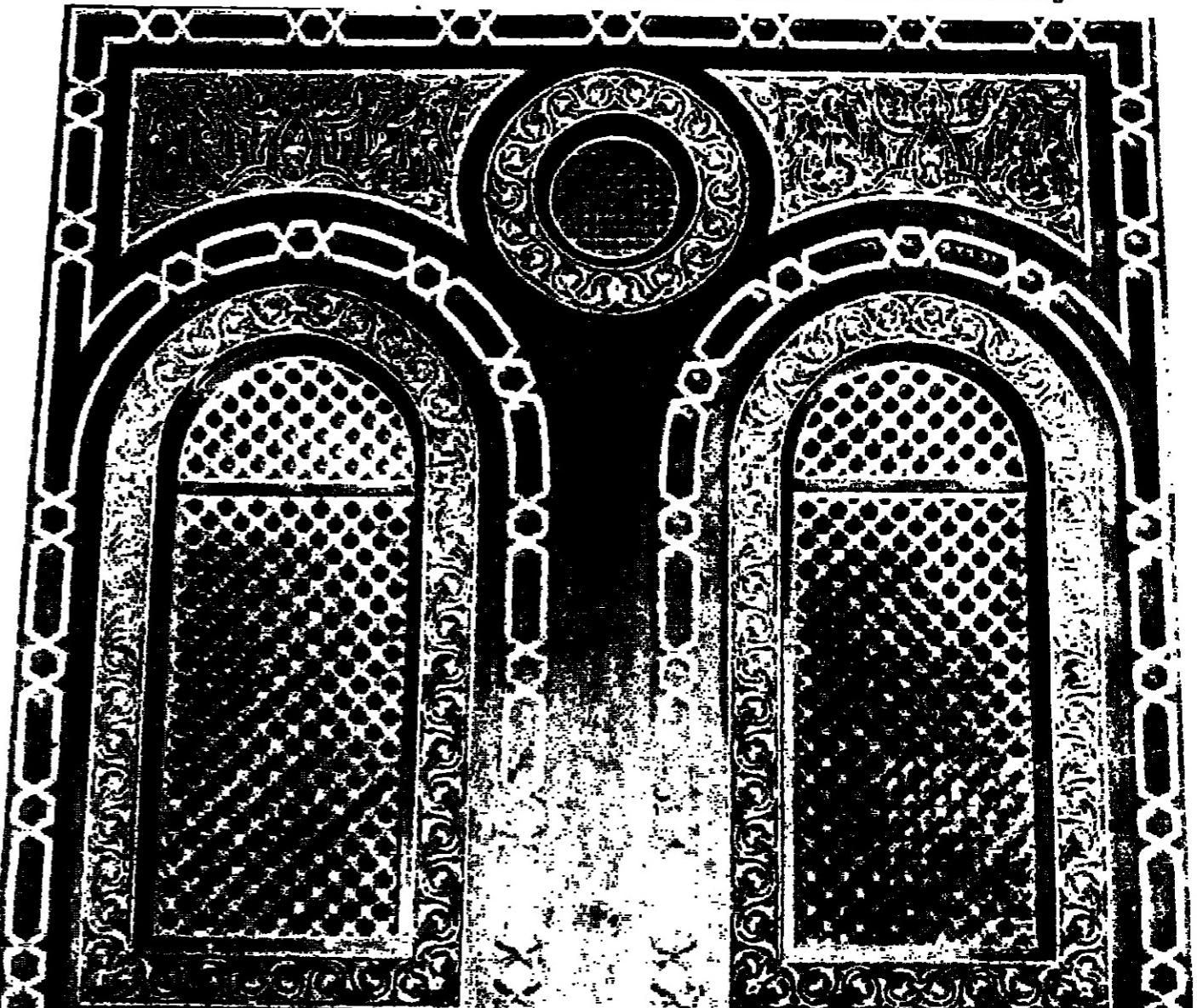


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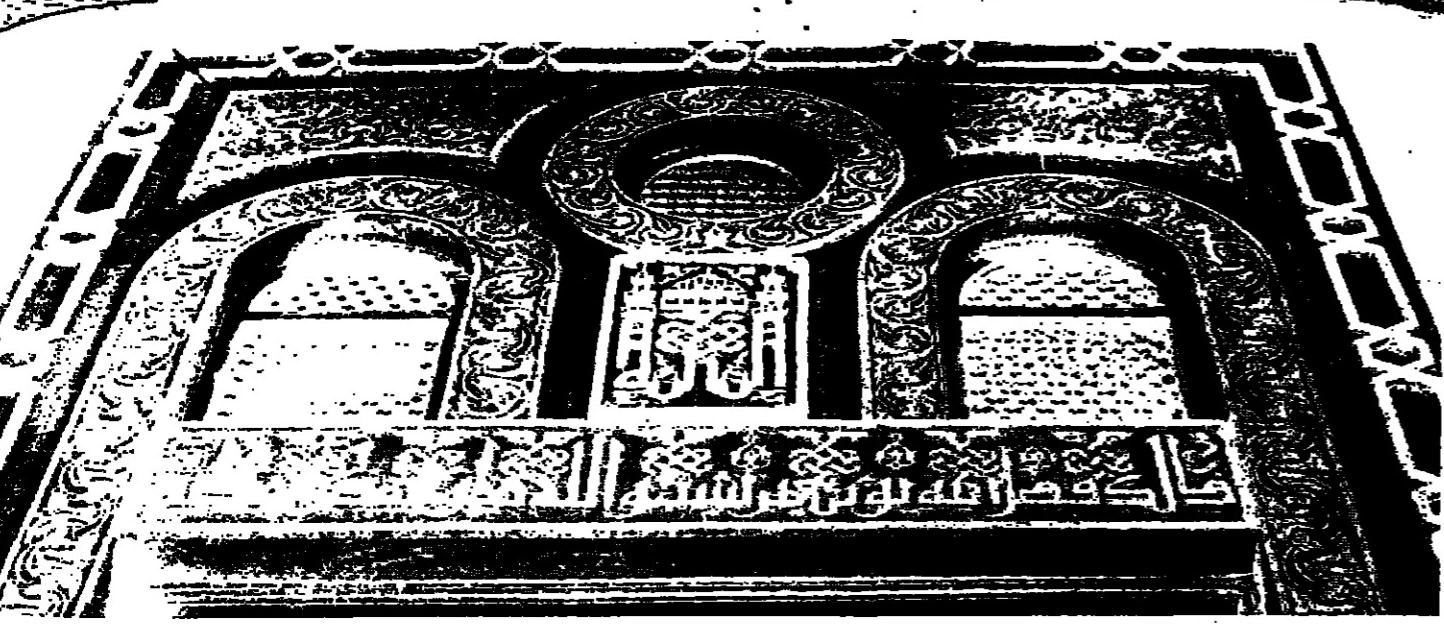


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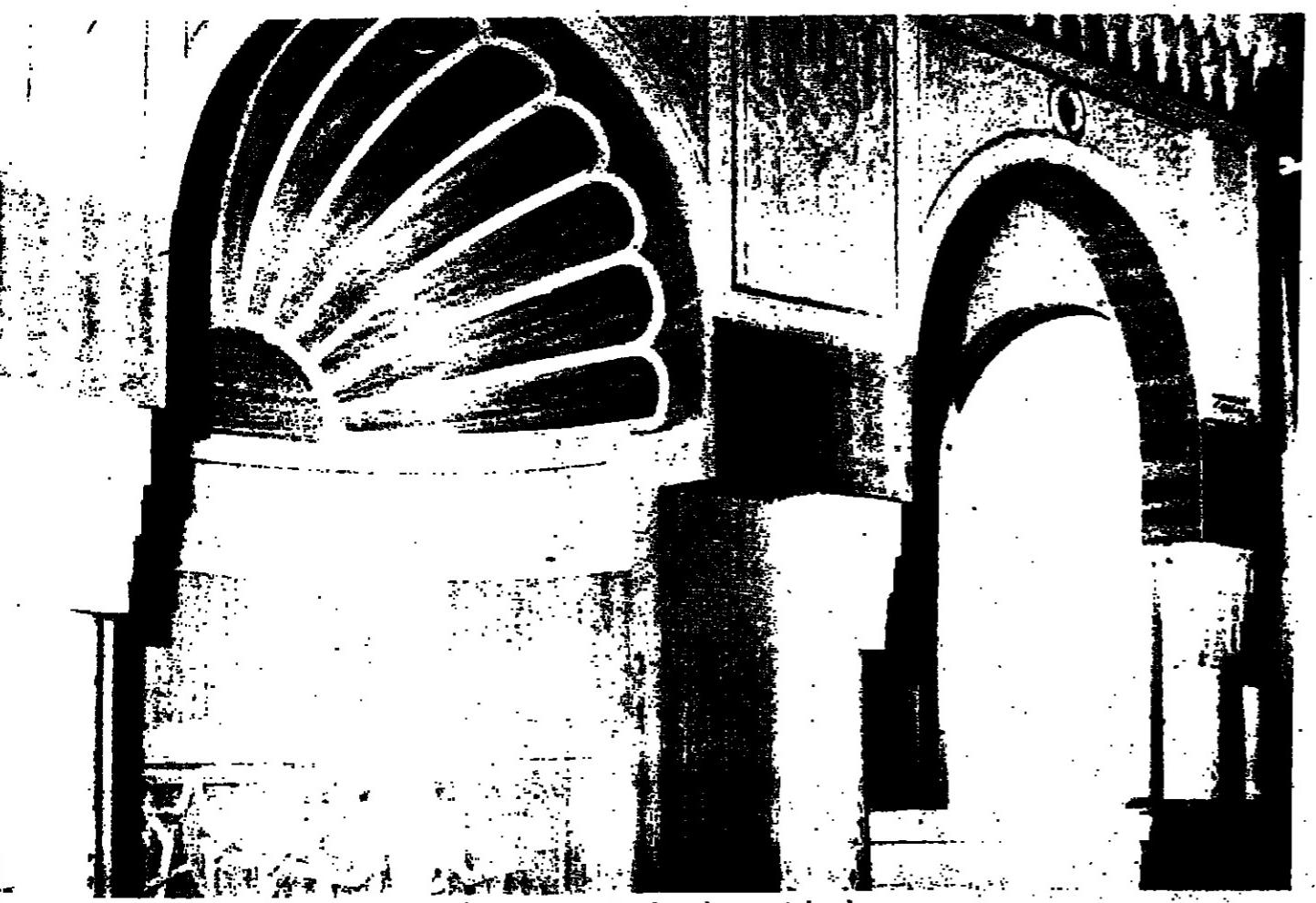
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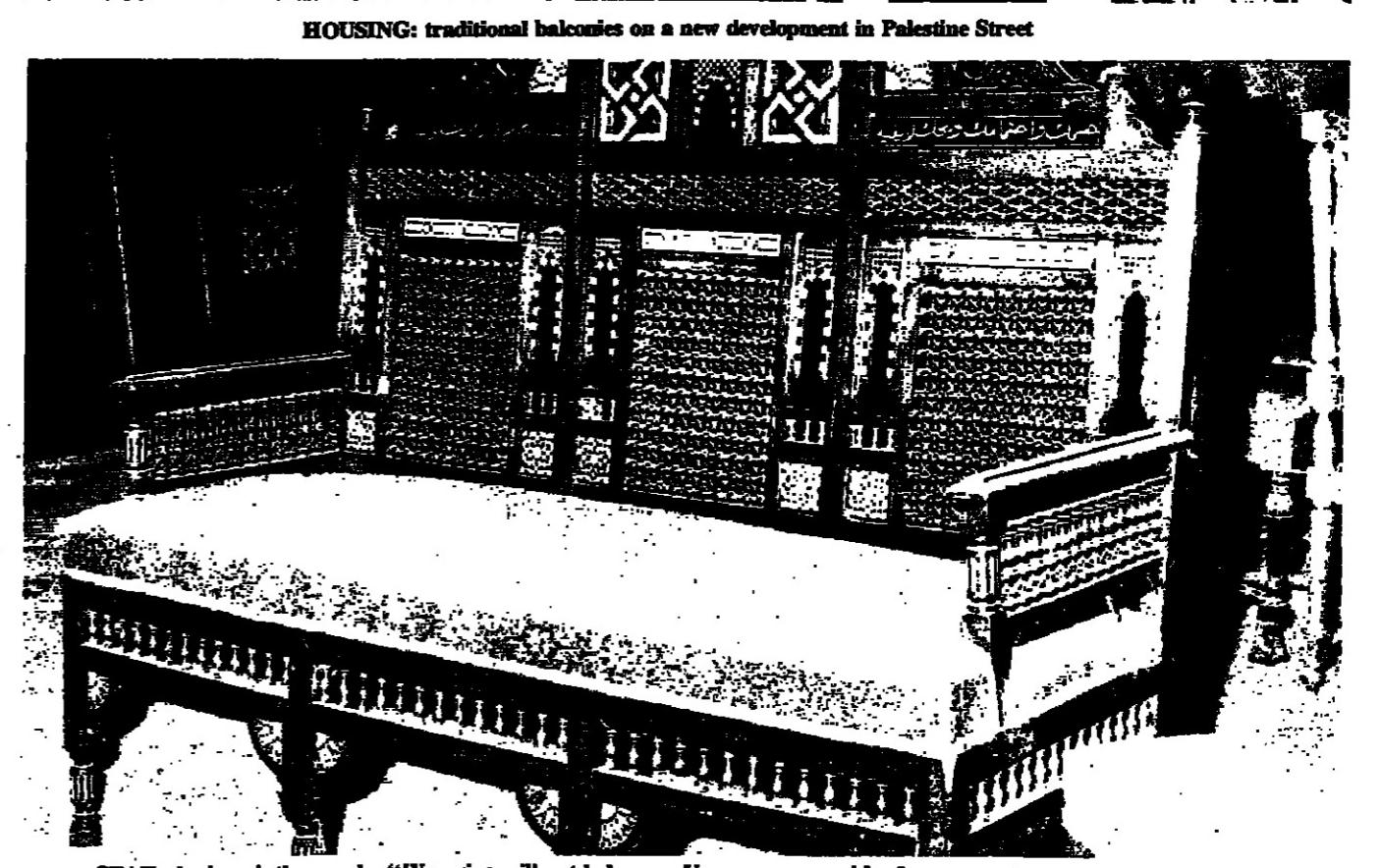
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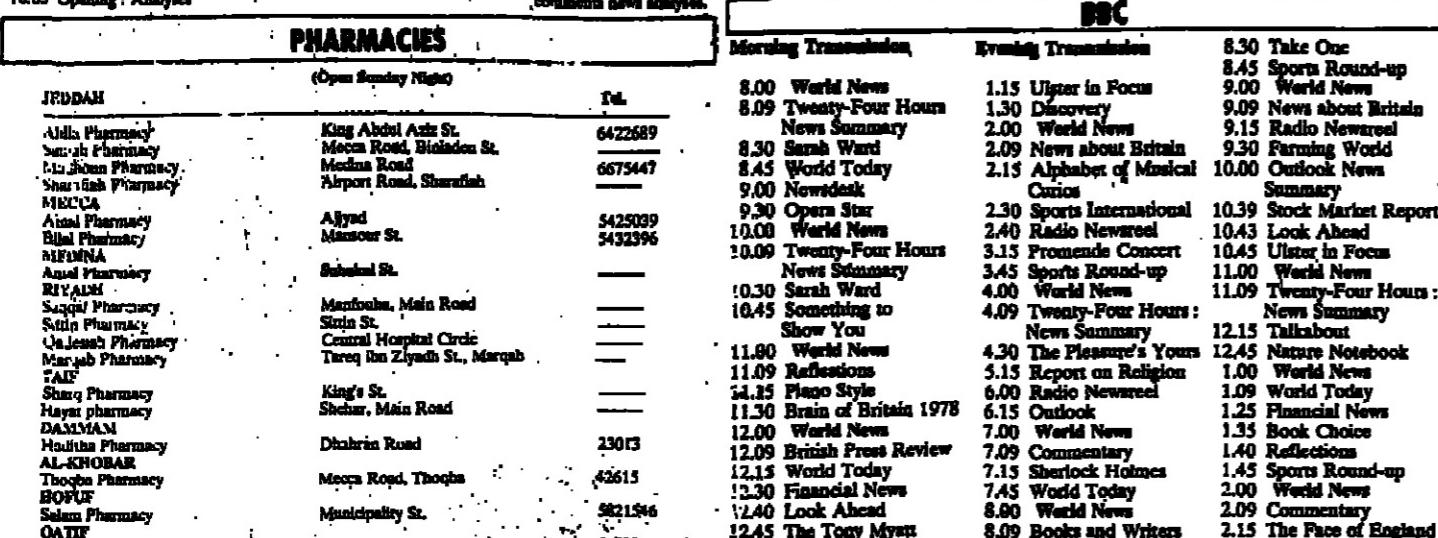
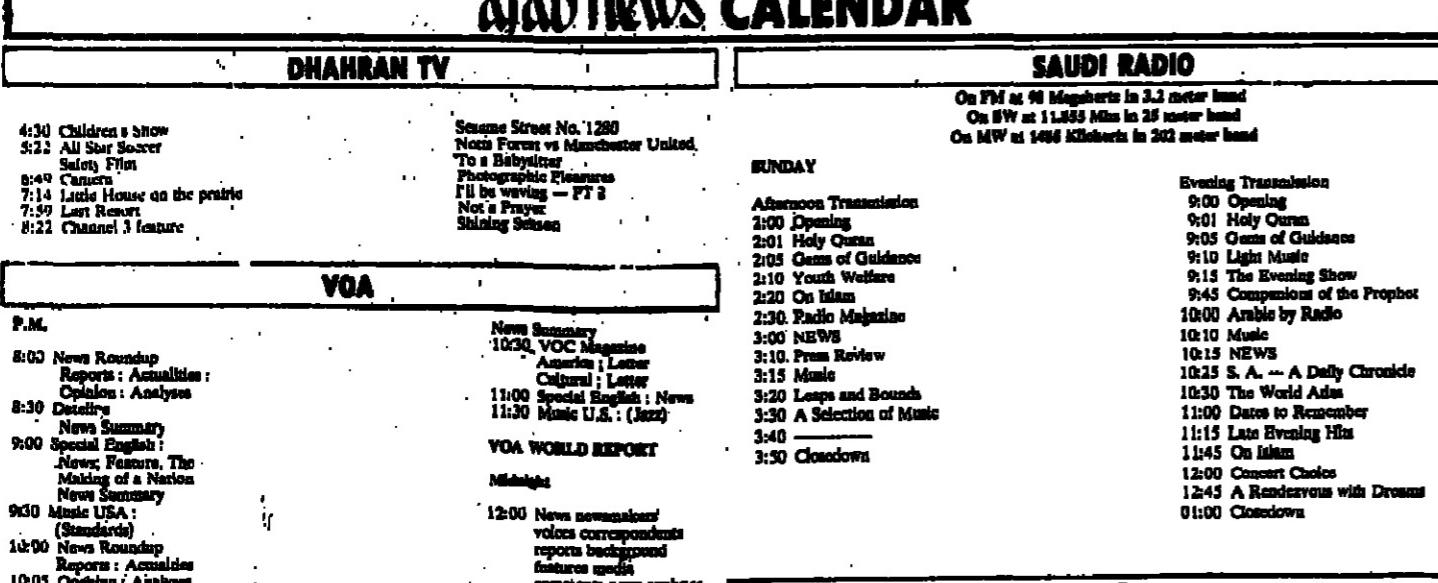
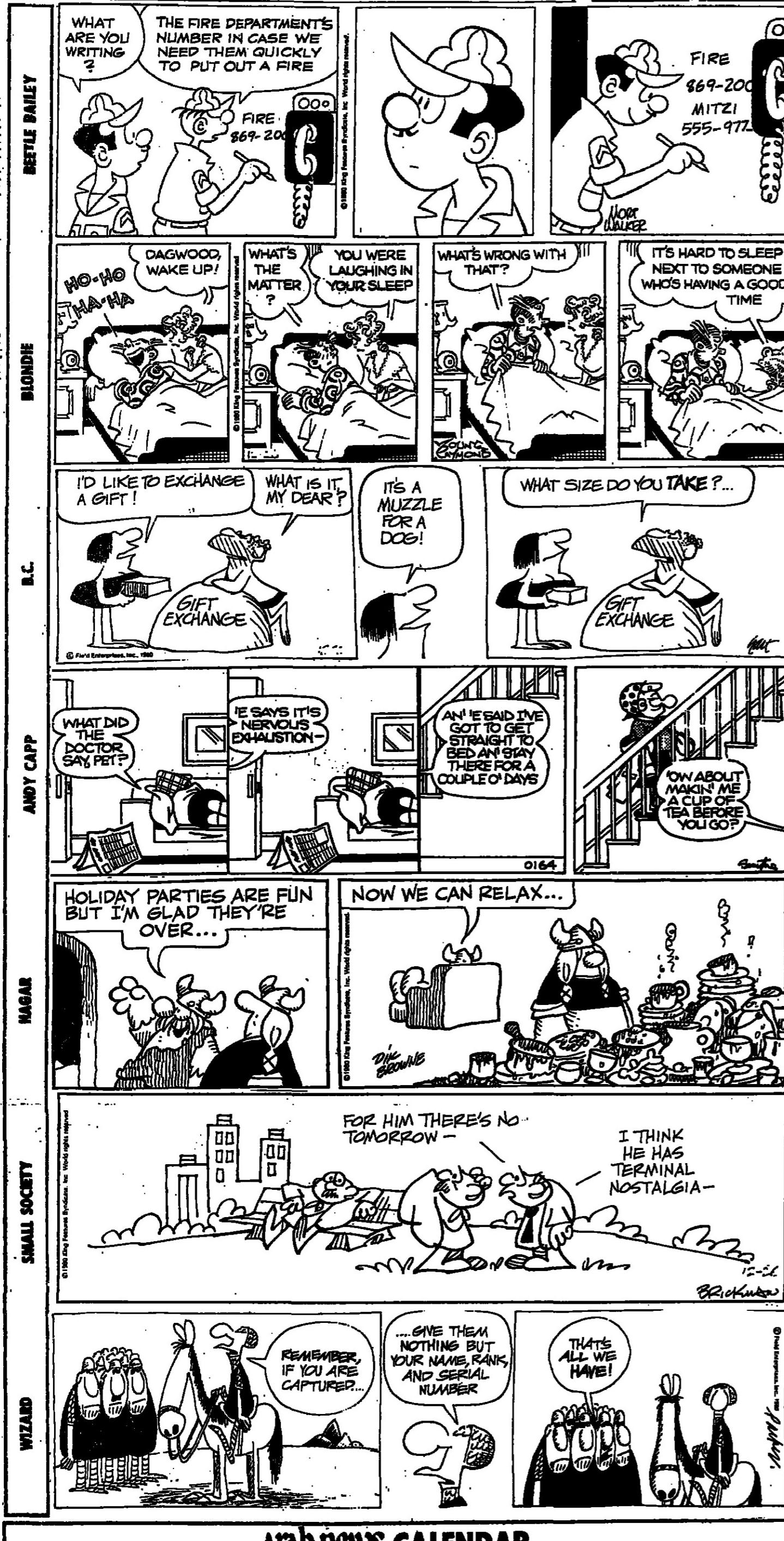
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♦ A K J 7 ♦ 9 2  
♦ 10 8 7 5 2 ♦ 9 6

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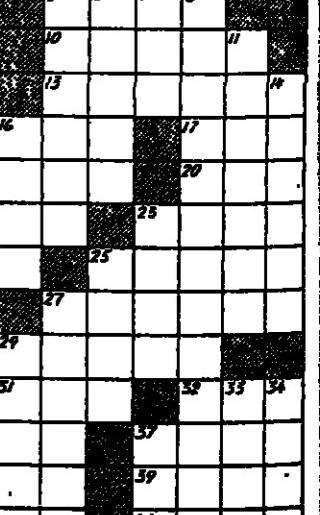
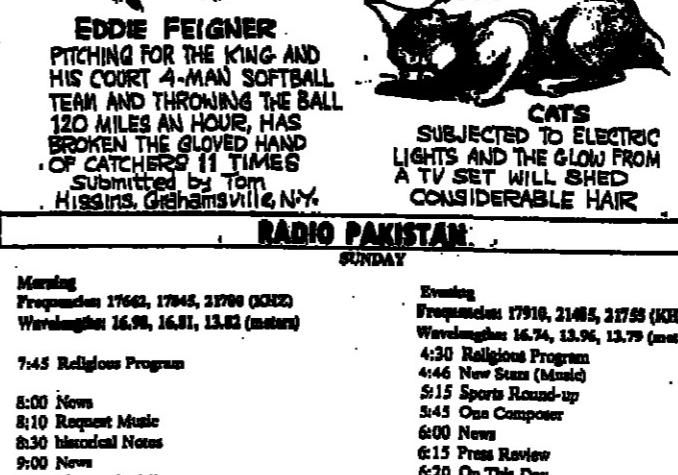
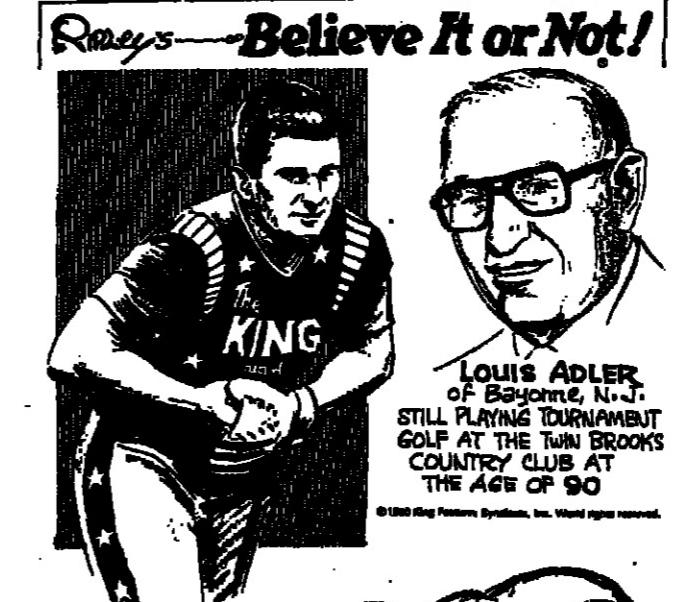
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## Your Individual Horoscope

Frances Drake  
FOR SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24, 1989



Creativity receives new inspiration. Watch hassle over money.

LIBRA

(Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) A belated gift may arrive. An unusual financial proposal has merit. A family member is given to the sharp retort.

SCORPIO

(Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) You're in the mood for variety and adventure. New contacts should prove exciting. Socialize, but know when to quit. Don't overreact yourself.

SAGITTARIUS

(Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) Behind-the-scenes work on a career project is time well spent. Watch slight dissension with a friend in the p.m. Be tactful.

CAPRICORN

(Dec. 22 to Jan. 19) Unexpected news from a distance proves to be a pleasant surprise. The less said about career matters the better. Enjoy companionship.

AQUARIUS

(Jan. 20 to Feb. 18) Ingenuity aids you in career planning. A friend in the background offers support. Keep plans confidential for speedy success.

PISCES

(Feb. 19 to Mar. 20) A surprise visit or trip makes the day exciting. Friends and money don't mix favorably. Avoid being drawn into an argument.

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER

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15 Molding 26 College official  
16 Besides 27 Claw  
17 Ankle injury 28 Claw  
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19 Equestrian 30 Gripes  
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28 Cadences  
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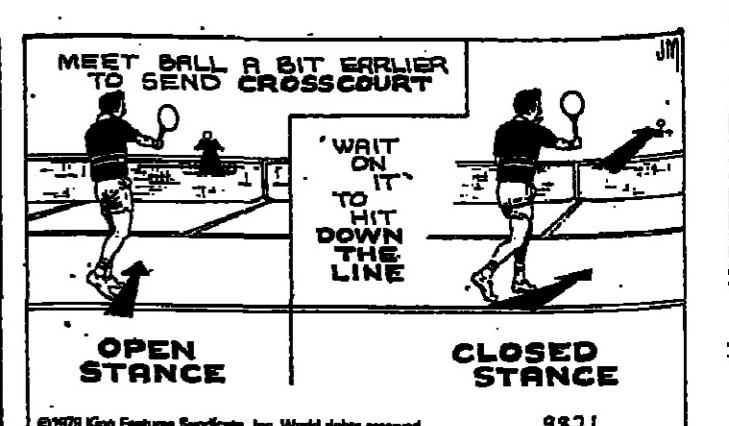
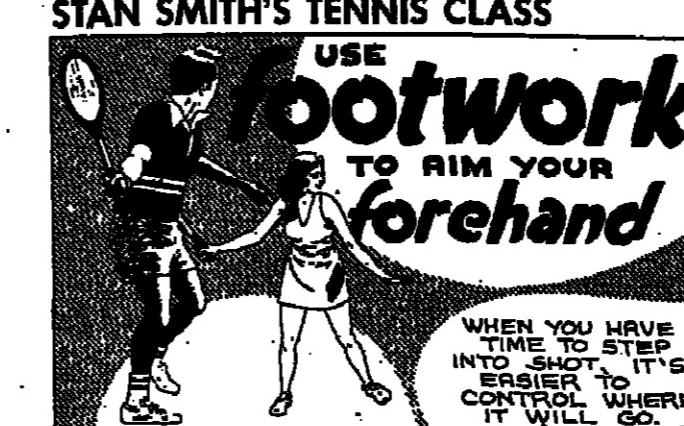
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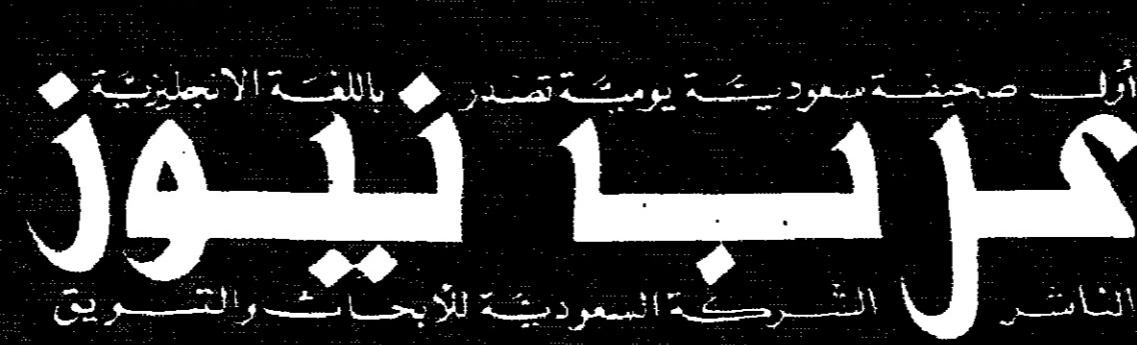
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### Protests mark invasion anniversary

## Afghans storm Soviet Embassy

TEHRAN, Dec. 27 (Agencies) — Scores of Afghan demonstrators broke into the Soviet Embassy compound here Saturday and at least one person was shot and wounded, police said.

About 5,000 members of Iran's Afghan community marched to the embassy in central Tehran Saturday morning in a demonstration against the Soviet intervention in Afghanistan a year ago. Some scaled the high wall around the compound, tore down the Soviet flag and broke windows in embassy buildings.

Police and Islamic revolutionary guards fired in the air when demonstrators pushed back a security cordon blocking the street leading to the embassy. One protester was shot and wounded inside the compound, police said.

The revolutionary guards, mostly young men who were at the forefront of the February 1979 revolution and are now engaged in security duties, drove the demonstrators out of the compound with iron bars. Most of the crowd later moved off towards the Afghan Embassy where security forces again fired into the air. The demonstrators hurled stones and smashed embassy windows, and fights broke out with police.

In New Delhi, about 250 Afghans staged a demonstration in front of the Soviet Embassy Saturday, chanting anti-Soviet slogans and holding large banners denouncing the Soviet military intervention. The marchers joined another 88 Afghans already encamped on the grass mall in front of the embassy, who were continuing a 24-hour hunger strike to protest the Soviet presence in their homeland.

Afghans in Islamabad observed a day of mourning Saturday as a protest against the Soviet occupation. The call for the commemoration Saturday came from Jamiat Islami Afghanistan leader Professor Burhanuddin Rabani.

Rabani said "the anniversary of the shameful aggression by the Russian imperialism on our country is the most catastrophic tragedy in the history of mankind."

Afghan leader Babrak Karmal, meanwhile, claimed that his regime "managed to inflict mortal blows on the counter-revolution" in his country in less than a year. But in an interview with, on the eve of the anniversary of his takeover, he told the Bulgarian state news agency BTA that "reaction and imperialism are still waging an undeterred war on us."

Despite reports of continuing stiff resistance by Afghan fighters, Karmal, installed by the Soviet Union, claimed his government had been "very successful" in "cleaning" the Afghan territory "from counter-revolutionary elements." But opponents say Karmal's government forces growing opposition from the insurgents. Anti-Soviet groups, divided but undaunted after their desperate year-long struggle waged from mountain hideouts, have called for a protest.

**Beggar, cleaning man among winners in Spanish lottery**

MADRID, Dec. 27 (WP) — In the southeastern Spanish region known as the Levant, the parish church of the village of Dolores will have a new roof next year, thanks to the generosity of an elderly woman who spent most of 1980 begging outside its ancient portal.

In the nearby village of Benejuzar, the tiny local Communist Party cell plans to move out of its run-down rented offices and start 1981 with the purchase of decent premises. In Palma, on the Mediterranean island of Majorca, the youth who cleans the Hertz Rental Cars at the international airport is poised to buy a luxury apartment for himself, his wife and infant child.

They are some of the lucky ones who have received the windfall of the Spanish Christmas lottery — reputedly the world's biggest gamble, with staggering payouts at stake. Full tickets for the lottery cost 25,000 pesetas (just over \$400) and just about every Spaniard had at least a small stake in a ticket. In this lottery, an estimated \$24 was gambled for every man, woman and child in Spain's population of 36 million. Prize money totaled



President Karmal strike in Kabul to mark the anniversary of the Soviet incursion.

Kabul Radio, monitored in New Delhi Friday night, gave no indication that a strike had been called and only briefly mentioned a reception held in the Afghan capital to celebrate Karmal's first year in office. Travelers arriving from Afghanistan said the strike call had been backed by nearly all the insurgent groups. Two of them appealed to their compatriots to wear black arm-bands and fly black flags over their houses in protest.

The appeal, issued from the Pakistani city of Peshawar, also urged Afghans to intensify their struggle.

It was apparent from Friday's Kabul Radio broadcast that dealing with Muslims fighters is a prime preoccupation of the Karmal government. Three of the six news items it

### Mystery cloaks 'Gang' trial recess

PEKING, Dec. 27 (AFP) — Mystery hung over the trial of Mao Tse-Tung widow Jiang Qing as the special court now trying her and nine other Cultural Revolution leaders stayed in recess for the third day running.

There were no official explanations for this second suspension of the hearings involving Jiang, 67, who is the only defendant still being examined by the court. As there seem to be no technical reasons for the break and as the Chinese do not normally observe Christmas, observers are generally inclined to put the suspension down to political reasons.

Even so it is still impossible at the moment to say what has caused the break in the work of the court, which has the power to sentence Jiang Qing to death.

The former Shanghai actress of the 1930s, who became Mao's fourth wife in the anti-Japanese red base at Yanan, is charged with attempted usurpation of power and persecuting large numbers of individuals during the Cultural Revolution.

broadcast dealt with the activities of the "terrorists" — the official term used to describe insurgents.

Soviet troops began pouring into Afghanistan on Dec. 24 last year and are now estimated to number between 80,000 and 85,000. But Western diplomatic sources believe they have far from succeeded in controlling the outlying provinces where insurgents frequently mount attacks on government targets and Soviet troops.

One traveler who arrived from Kabul Friday said many of the insurgents now appeared to have better and more sophisticated weapons than a year ago. Two days ago a Soviet plane crashed near Kabul and there were reports in the Afghan capital that it had been hit by insurgents using rockets, he said.

The insurgents also appear to have become more daring. On Dec. 20 they raided an important wedding reception in Kabul attended by several members of the Ruling Communist Party, the traveler said, adding that many people were killed in the attack.

Insurgents have also frequently managed highways linking the Afghan capital with other cities and civilian convoys are now usually escorted by tanks or armored cars. But not all the violence in the countryside springs from the hostility of the fighters for the government.

Three of Karmal's relatives were killed in a shooting incident recently as they tried to flee the country, according to another traveler arriving in New Delhi. Their killers were said to be members of the ruling party. An aunt of Karmal and her two daughters died in the incident at Bothkuk, 12 km from the Afghan capital on Dec. 15, the traveler said.

They were shot as they were about to leave for Pakistan with the help of the aunt's son, who had become an anti-government activist.

Iranian Prime Minister Muhammad Ali Rajai summoned the heads of all foreign missions in Tehran for a "very important announcement" concerning the United States Embassy hostages, diplomatic sources said. The envoys were instructed to come to the foreign ministry Saturday afternoon, the sources said.

Pars news agency said that foreign and Iranian press were also invited to the 4:30 p.m.

Earlier, the Iranian cabinet minister in charge of dealings with the U.S. over the hostages opened the door to possible further negotiations over terms for their release. Executive Affairs Minister Behzad Nabavi said in a U.S. television interview that Iran was willing to discuss counter-proposals to its demand for the Americans to deposit \$24 billion in assets and financial guarantees in Algeria.

But he indicated in a separate statement

that for domestic consumption that Iran's flexibility over the release terms would be severely limited. He said on a Tehran Radio phone-in program Friday that the Iranian government could not back down from the four conditions set by the Iranians Majlis.

These included the return of Iranian assets frozen by President Jimmy Carter, and the recovery of the fortune removed from Iran by the late Shah. The \$24 billion would be a guarantee for the return of this money. U.S. officials have described the demands as unreasonable and beyond the legal powers of the Carter administration.

Iran had said earlier at its demands were its final proposals for freeing the hostages, implying that it ruled out further negotiations. But Nabavi's statement that Iran was prepared to discuss alternative guarantees suggested that more exchanges were possible.

The three Algerian envoys who have been acting as go-betweens in the laborious indirect dialogue between Tehran and Washington left Friday for the U.S. capital for more talks. One of the envoys, Algerian Ambassador in Tehran Abdelkarim Gheraib, was quoted by Pars news agency as saying he "guessed" the Americans would hand over their reply to Iran's demands within three days.

He was speaking after spending near 12 hours with the hostages during which he explained the current state of the negotiations over their fate.

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Her attitude, which under the Chinese legal system can hurt her case, resulted in her being thrown out of the court on Dec. 12 after an incident. The hearings were then suspended for four days.

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